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Letter dated 12 August 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to draw your attention to further violations of the flight information region (FIR) of Nicosia by military aircraft of the Turkish Air Force, recorded on 25 June 1998.

On that day two F-16s of the Turkish Air Force entered the north-western Nicosia FIR in violation of international air traffic regulations before returning to the Ankara FIR.

As stated in my previous letters, such unauthorized intrusions into the Nicosia flight information region are in violation of international air traffic rules and, at the same time, they are in contravention of the provisions of Security Council resolutions on Cyprus which state that such overflights increase political tension on the island and undermine efforts towards achieving a final settlement.

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Cyprus, I wish to strongly protest against these new provocative acts by Turkey, a State Member of the United Nations, against the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Republic of Cyprus, which are in complete disregard of international law, the Charter of the United Nations and the relevant decisions of the Organization on the question of Cyprus.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 61, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) James DROUSHIOTIS
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